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Mr. Walter J. Kucharski Audit of Public Accounts P. O. Box 1295 Richmond, Virginia 23218

RE: County of Henry, Virginia

Dear Mr. Kucharski:

In response as to why the County did not meet the statutory deadline as required by Section 15.2-2510 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>, the audit took longer to finalize this year due to the following reasons:

- 1) The financial statements had to be updated for GASB 45 which is a complex addition to the audit.
- 2) The County's Finance Director of many years retired June 30, 2009. Turnover in a position as important as the Finance Director's always leads to transition issues. Accuracy is better than speed in this case.
- 3) Staffing and communications are an issue during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Sincerely,

Benny Summerlin County Administrator

cc: Creedle, Jones & Alga, P.C.

Darrell W. Jones, Director of Finance